



INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS

... Brief Sketch of ...

ITS BIRTH AND INSTITUTION IN AMERICA, ITS INTRODUCTION INTO
CANADA, THE ORGANIZATION OF THE
GRAND LODGE AND

ITS 50 YEARS PROGRESS IN ONTARIO

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Introductory

In undertaking, under instructions from the Grand Lodge Committee, the preparation of the following brief historical sketch and the publication of this little booklet as a Souvenir of the Semi-Centennial Session of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, to be held at the old historic town of Brockville, commencing on the morning of the 9th of August, 1903, the writer is encouraged by the thought that no officer, representative or visitor present will feel satisfied to return to his home without possessing himself of a copy of it, in order that he may be able to show to his children and to his friends something of the history of the Order, and its wonderful work in the Province of Ontario.

Limited space, however, does not permit any extended discussion of the principles of our Order, but as this little booklet will doubtless fall into the hands of many who are not so fortunate as to belong to our great brotherhood, we deem it necessary that enough be said to enable them to understand what its aims and objects are, when it was born into the world, the depth of its meaning and the magnitude of its power, its introduction into Canada, the institution of the Grand Lodge of Canada West at Brockville in 1853, and then briefly following its pathway, noting its progress to the present time.

That the narrative herein given, brief though it is, contains much that will interest the members of our Fraternity, I have confidence in believing. That it will inspire them to still greater effort and nobler deeds in the cause of humanity, I earnestly hope. Yours fraternally,

August, 1903.

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Its Birth and Institution in America.

CENTURIES ago selfishness, in some form or other, found its way into human hearts and took possession of human lives, causing man to forget his God and to dislike and quarrel with his fellow man. The result of this unfaithfulness of man to his Creator and his inhumanity to man is recorded in the bloody history of our race; traces of it can be found in every life, and until the day when this evil is driven out of human hearts, and man again assumes his proper attitude towards God and man, peace and harmony cannot dwell upon earth. Envy, malice and contention will reign supreme, and misery, degradation and want will follow in their trail.

TO REMOVE this evil is one of the chief aims and objects of Oddfellowship. It recognizes selfishness as the bane of human happiness and seeks to substitute for it in men's lives "those charities that heal and soothe and bless." Discord creates misery and harmony produces happiness in life. After centuries of strife and turmoil, after ages spent in contention and war for selfish purposes, man discovered that there were some things upon which all could unite. The friendship of Jon-

athan and David and the love of the good Samaritan had transpired and been heralded around the world, concerning which in all souls there was but a single thought. No one had ever criticized the one or found fault with the other. Out of this truth Oddfellowship was



THOMAS WILDEY,

FOUNDER OF IOOF IN AMERICA.

Born, Jan., 1782; Died, Oct. 19, 1861.

born. Although no two of the human family were exactly alike, and while there are many things in the world about which men differ, and perhaps always will, its founders felt that they could unite on the

great important questions of life and aim to them for ever live in peace and harmony. So in founding this fraternity they selected as the basis of this unity these three things:—"Belief in a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of all things;" "that He is the Father of the entire human race;" "that all men are brothers."

ON THE NIGHT of the 26th April, 1819, at Baltimore, five good and true men subscribed to this belief, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows came into existence. Having adopted this belief and recognized God as the Father and man as a brother, out of this new relationship many new duties and obligations arose, the faithful performance of which raises man above the sordid selfish aims of life and transforms him into a benefactor. This relationship, these duties and obligations are taught by the examples, precepts, mottoes and symbols of our Order, all of which are taken from the Bible and are intended to reach the heart and touch the conscience of man. Oddfellowship demands no sacrifice of man's opinions, it antagonizes no party, church

or creed. On the contrary, it demands that each member faithfully discharge every duty he owes to himself, his family, his country and his God. Its commands are, to visit the sick, relieve the distressed, bury the dead, and educate the orphan. Its sole object is to do good. It seeks to make man Godlike by making him more human. Its teachings and its labors are in perfect harmony with religion and sound morality, and it deserves and should have the "God speed" of every church and every Christian man and woman. Under its banner,

"Like the graceful bow of promise, girding nations in its span,
Spreads the truth of one great Father,
and the brotherhood of man;
Friendship, Love and Truth are binding
willing multitudes humaine,
In the covenant of mercy with frater-
nity's bright chain."

WHILE THE ORDER has a history extending beyond the limits of this country, we can do little more in the space at our command, than to mention the date of its institution at Baltimore, and its subsequent introduction into Canada. Tradition places its origin in the dim past. Some prefer to believe that it originated in the palmy days of sunny Egypt. Others that its birth occurred in the golden days

of Greece, but we have no intention of going back into the region of the mysterious, and, therefore, content ourselves by commencing our brief narrative at the date of its birth in the continent of America on April the 26th, 1819.

On that date five Englishmen, who had been initiated into Oddfellowship in England, led by Thomas Wildey instituted Washington Lodge No. 1 in the City of Baltimore. This Lodge was the supreme governing power in the Order in America from that time until the 22nd of February, 1821, when the Grand Lodge of Maryland and of the United States was instituted. Washington No. 1 surrendered to it its authority, and became subordinate thereto. In 1824 this Grand Lodge resolved itself into two distinct bodies—the Grand Lodge of Maryland, with local or State powers, and the Grand Lodge of the United States with supreme governing power. In 1879 the latter was, mainly through the influence and sound judgment of the Representatives from Ontario, changed to the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the present title of the Supreme Body of the Order. This Sovereign Grand Lodge has jurisdiction over all the Grand Lodges, Grand Encampments, Rebekah Assemblies and Department Councils in all the States and Territories of the Union and Provinces in Canada, besides subordinate bodies in nineteen foreign countries.

SINCE the institution of Washington Lodge No. 1 this great brotherhood has grown until now there are in the dominion of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows 13,872 Subordinate Lodges, with a membership of 1,151,421, and 6,430 Rebekah Lodges with a membership of 284,681 sisters, making a grand total of 1,436,102 men and women enlisted under the banner of Friendship, Love and Truth. Of the number of members of Subordinate Lodges, 1,112,809 are credited to North America, and 38,812 to foreign countries.

There are under the jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, 55 Grand Lodges, 52 Grand Encampments, 40 Rebekah Assemblies, and 50 Patriarchs Militant Departments in the United States and Canada, and 11 Grand Lodges and 3 Grand Encampments in foreign countries.

Since the organization of the first Lodge with five members and no assets, the Order has relieved 2,820,127 members, and 268,409 widowed families. During the year 1903, the last for which returns have yet been received, the Order expended for relief the large sum of \$4,326,500.19. The total relief expended by the Order since 1830 (prior to which there are no records of the payments made) amounts to \$100,795,034.51, its total revenue since the same date being \$265,597,061.14.

Its Introduction into Canada

THE INTRODUCTION of the Order into the British Provinces of America dates back to an early period in the last century. Evidence is found of the organization of a Lodge of the Manchester Unity of Odd Fellows in Montreal in 1843; of the existence of a Lodge of Odd Fellows in Halifax in 1832, and still earlier, one in the same place in 1815, so that, as Washington Lodge No. 1, the mother Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in America, was not instituted until 1819, the first Canadian Lodge antedates it several years, but it is not known what relation this lodge bore to any of the Orders of Odd Fellows then in existence in England.

IN 1843 the first Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in Canada, Prince of Wales Lodge No. 1, was instituted on the 10th of August, in Montreal, John H. Hardie and Geo. Mathews, with three others, being the charter members, and it would appear that to these two brothers belong the honor of being the fathers of our Order in this country. Prince of Wales Lodge made such rapid progress that a second Lodge, Queen's No. 2, was instituted in Montreal on the 4th of December, and the fame of the Society soon reached other places.

ON THE 4th of March, 1844, Prince Albert Lodge No. 3 was instituted at St. Johns, and the same year, with three Lodges and a membership of 350, a measure of home rule was granted them, and the Grand Lodge of Canada West was instituted on the 16th of November, W. M. B. Hartley, a bright young barrister, born in Montreal, being



W. M. B. HARTLEY, G. M.

selected as the first Grand Master. The institution of other subordinate Lodges followed. Albion No. 4, at Quebec, and Commercial No. 5, at Montreal. In 1844 Patriarchal Oddfellowship was established in Montreal, the first Encampment in this country, Hochelaga No. 1, being instituted on the 2nd of April.

IN 1845 the Order reached Ontario, Victoria Lodge No. 6, the pioneer Lodge in this Province, having been instituted at Belleville on the 17th of June of that year. After the institution of this Lodge earnest and careful consideration was given to the further extension of the Order into the then Western Province. In the mean time other Lodges were organized in Eastern Canada, and on the 7th of February, 1846, the Grand Lodge decided to send a deputation westward fully invested with power to institute new Lodges, the Brethren chosen for this mission being D. G. Thomas Hardy, and Past Grands George P. Dickson and Edmund Murney. As a result of the missionary tour thus inaugurated, Brock Lodge No. 9 was instituted in Brockville on the evening of the 5th of March, 1846, and recorded in their journal may be found this comment of the deputation, which has been fully borne out by the subsequent history of the Lodge: "Sincere zeal pervades the mind of each member, and, indeed, the prospects were encouraging."

Among the subsequent Lodges, and the dates of their institution by the deputation in 1846, were the following:

Cataraqui, No. 10, Kingston, March 7.
Prince Edward, No. 11, Picton, March 9.
Ontario, No. 12, Cobourg, March 10.
Otonabee, No. 13, Peterboro, March 11.
Hope, No. 14, Port Hope, March 12.

Tecumseh, No. 15, Toronto, March 14.
Union, No. 16, St. Catharines, March 17.
Burlington, No. 17, Hamilton, March 18.
St. Francis, No. 18, Cornwall, April 1.

Returning to Montreal on the 3rd of April the labors of the deputation ended after a successful missionary tour in which, history tells us, Oddfellowship was thoroughly planted in the Western Province, but of the ten Lodges then organized only two have survived to the present day, Brock, No. 9, and Union, No. 16, and these two are the only Lodges in the whole of British North America that survived through the subsequent decline of the Order in this country. While all others ceased to exist, and the Grand Lodge of Canada also became defunct, old Brock and Union are still living, and are to-day among the most active and progressive Lodges in the Province of Ontario.

IN 1846, with three Encampments, a Grand Encampment was organized and in the fall of the same year the Order in B. N. A. was given complete home rule by the Grand Lodge of the United States, by which body the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment were united and organized as the Grand Lodge of British North America, and granted an independent charter.

IN 1847, on the 19th of January, this Body first met, the Masters of the Grand Lodge of Canada becoming the officers of the new Supreme Grand Lodge, Grand Master Hamilton becoming the first Grand Sire.

Laws for the government of Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments were adopted, and provision was made for four Subordinate Grand Lodge Jurisdictions, with one Grand Encampment for the entire territory, but at its session in August this was changed so for the purposes of the Order B. N. A. was divided into 8 Provinces. The Grand Sire had reported that an anxious desire to participate in the benefits of the Order seemed to exist in the Lower Provinces, and although no Lodges had been organized there under this Jurisdiction, they provided for the future and set apart the following Provinces, each covering considerable territory; 1, Province of Toronto; 2, Province of Kingston; 3, Province of Montreal; 4, Province of Quebec; 5, Province of Fredericton; 6, Province of Halifax; 7, Province of Charlottetown; 8, Province of Newfoundland.

On the 22nd of July, under the new form of Government, the Grand Encampment of Canada was organized by Grand Sire Hamilton, but it was not until the 15th of November that the first Provincial Grand Lodge was organized for the district of Quebec.

THIS WAS followed in 1848 by the institution of a Provincial Grand Lodge for the district of Montreal on the 29th of April. Considerable progress had now been made, additional Lodges having been instituted, Mercantile, No. 19, at Quebec; Ottawa, No. 20, at Bytown, (Ottawa); Phoenix, No. 22, at Oshawa; Wellington, No. 23,

at Wellington, and Beaver, No. 24, at Lloydtown, but for two years back the Order had met with strong opposition from religious bodies, both Catholic and Protestant, and one or two newspapers in Montreal and Toronto.

IN THE BEGINNING of 1849 one Lodge in Montreal, No. 8, surrendered its charter and other evidences of approaching failure began to appear. On the 2nd of May a Provincial Grand Lodge was instituted for the district of Toronto, but it only lasted a few months. The Order in the City of Toronto then collapsed, and it was 18 years before a Lodge was re-opened in the Queen City.

ON THE 1st of February, 1850, the Provincial Grand Lodge of Kingston was organized at Belleville, but it, too, was short lived. The only subordinate instituted this year was Industry, No. 25, at Haldimand.

IN 1851 both a Subordinate, Acadia No. 26, and an Encampment, Memberton, No. 9, were organized in Halifax, but outside of these additions there appears to have been little or no sign of life in many of the Subordinates, while the Grand Lodge of B. N. A. showed but a weak existence. Its session held on the 1st of September was attended by only 6 Brothers, and, although officers were chosen for another term, this proved to be the last session of the Grand Lodge.

IN 1852 Victoria Lodge No. 27 was instituted at Caledonia, Canada West, and, while its charter was, no doubt, signed by the Grand Sire, there is no record of this or any other official act of the G. L. of B. N. A. subsequent to the meeting of the 1st of Sep. The latter formally disbanded in March, 1853, along with the Montreal Lodge, at which time out of the entire Order there only remained in active operation one Encampment and six Lodges as follows:

Membertown Encampment, No. 9, Halifax.

Albion Lodge, No. 4, Quebec, with 70 members.

Brock Lodge, No. 9, Brockville, with 40 members.

Union Lodge, No. 16, St. Catharines, with 143 members.

Industry Lodge, No. 25, Halimand, with 25 members.

Acadia Lodge, No. 26, Halifax, with 100 members.

Victoria Lodge, No. 27, Caledonia, with 20 members.

Ignorant of the death of the Grand Lodge, these few existing Subordinates outside of Montreal continued to work and to send in their reports and dues, only to have them returned with an intimation from the last Grand Secretary that as there was no longer a Grand Lodge it would be well for them, in their orphaned state, to look elsewhere for a parent.

THE ALMOST total collapse of the Order in Canada at this time has been attributed to a failure on the part of many of its members to fully understand its true aims and objects, regarding it only as a source of pleasure and amusement. Unhappily, it was viewed in this light by a large number who joined its ranks, especially in Montreal, where it was very popular as a social organization. Fortunately, among those remaining were members imbued with loftier sentiments who had grasped the true intent and meaning of the Society. Dr. Thomas Reynolds, of Brockville, and James McLaren, of Quebec, were leaders in this thought and through their determined efforts a convention of Past Grand's, proposed by Dr. Reynolds, was held in Brockville on the 8th of June, 1853, when the condition of the Order was considered, and resolutions were adopted in which the delegates, individually, and on behalf of their respective Lodges, pledged themselves not to dissolve or cease to struggle on for an existence while they had one beacon of hope to which they could look. This beacon was the Grand Lodge of the United States.

sign Grand Lodge, under proclamation issued by the Grand Sire, who had visited Canada, at Montreal, on the 14th of October, 1853. This was followed by dividing the immense territory into three districts, and appointing Dr. Reynolds, of Brockville, D. D. G. S. for Canada West; James McLaren, of Quebec, D. D. G. S. for Canada East; and E. G. Fuller, of Halifax, D. D. G. S. for the Lower Provinces. Under this arrangement the condition of the Order was much improved, and its affairs were conducted in strict accordance with the principles and laws of Oddfellowship. Not only was there a revival of interest, but a new element was introduced into the Order in Canada West, where the Manchester Unity was then comparatively strong. Dissatisfaction in the management of the latter society induced many of its members to turn their attention to the Independent Order, and as a result of this movement, seven new Lodges were instituted before the close of the year 1854.

THE LODGES instituted up to this time have been given here because it has been thought a matter not only of special interest, but one of importance to the reader in following the pathway of the Order in its early days in order to fully understand its introduction and progress in the Province of Ontario. Of the "Lodges now flourishing in this J. S. on particulars can be obtained in time from the journals of the Gr. Lodge.

IT HAS BEEN shown, as previously stated, that Brock, No. 9, and Union, No. 16, retained their original charters, and to-day their members are as zealous for the Order as their founders were sincere and determined in laying the foundation for a long and prosperous career. After returning to the parent—the G. L. U. S., the first Lodge instituted was Rose, No. 28, at Amherstburg, on the 23rd of January, 1854. Those now in existence bearing lesser numbers, other than 9 and 16, are Lodges resuscitated or ones given intervening numbers since that date, even Rose itself becoming one of the latter class.

AT THE SESSION of the Grand Lodge of the United States at Baltimore, in 1854, the report of the Grand Sire on the state of the Order in B. N. A. indicated chearing progress, and, as a result of his recommendations, B. N. A. was again visited, this time by Grand Secretary Ridgely, who came to Western Canada in June, 1855, and by Grand Sire elect Ellison, who went to the Lower Provinces in July of the same year. Brother Ridgely accomplished much excellent work among the members he was able to meet with in Quebec, Montreal and Brockville, and as far west as St. Catharines and London. At Brockville, with the assistance of D. D. G. S. Reynolds, he succeeded splendidly in preparing the ground for the institution of a Grand Lodge for Canada West. Brock Lodge unanimously approved of the organization of such a Body, and the Grand Lodge Degree

and Rebekah Degree having been imparted to Bro. Reynolds, the institution of a Grand Lodge was left in his charge, and was finally carried out on the 23rd of August, 1855.

In Canada East the revival hoped for did not take place. No trace whatever of Oddfellowship could be found in Montreal. In Quebec the Order numbered a band of gallant spirits, members of Albion Lodge, who were pledged to preserve it against all odds, but abandonment by an unnatural parent, the G. L. of B. N. A., had a discouraging effect, and in a couple of years later not a single Lodge remained, and none were again organized until 1870, when, on the 13th of October, Mount Royal, No. 1, was instituted in Montreal. By June, 1873, the number had increased to 8 Lodges, and on the 30th of October of that year the Grand Lodge of Quebec was instituted by Past Grand Master Cl. T. Campbell, of Ontario, as Special Deputy Grand Sire.

In the Lower Provinces the visit of Grand Sire-elect Ellison was crowned with more cheering results. Acadia Lodge, at Halifax, and Lodges at a number of other points, were visited, and all were found to be fairly active, and favorable to the formation of a Grand Lodge. Delegates were appointed, and, after meeting in convention in Halifax, the Grand Lodge of the Lower Provinces B. N. A. was instituted by Grand Sire-elect Ellison on the 26th of July, 1855.

WE HAVE GIVEN the last few paragraphs, as without them our pathway would appear to be broken, or the thread of events incomplete in reaching the institution of our own Grand Lodge. They are interesting, also, in showing that the Grand Lodge of Ontario is a younger sister to our beloved Grand Lodge of the Maritime Provinces by just 28 days, the extent of the shortest month in our calendar.

Keeping in view, also, the fact that this little booklet will be read by many who are not familiar with the growth of our Order outside our own jurisdiction of Ontario, and that in our simple narrative we have so far been confined by force of circumstances to the advent and progress of the Order in the Eastern Provinces, a brief mention of the introduction of Odd Fellowship into other fields in Canada will not seem out of place.

ALEAP ACROSS the continent from the Atlantic to the Pacific is not a small one, but to keep pace with the march of Odd Fellowship it must be accomplished. Even the Straits of Georgia must be crossed, and Vancouver Island reached before we can introduce the reader to the first Odd Fellow Lodge implanted in British soil west of our own Province of Ontario. Previous to 1866 the territory west of the Rockies formed two colonies—Vancouver Island and British Columbia, or

"New Caledonia." In that year they became united under the name of British Columbia and in 1871 became part of the Dominion of Canada. But it was in 1864 that the Order reached our Western Province. Among the early settlers were Odd Fellows from California, who, as soon as they felt themselves permanent residents became desirous of forming a Lodge. In 1863 the State from which these Brothers hailed realized the situation and asked to have British Columbia attached to the Jurisdiction of California for the purpose of the Order. This was approved by the representatives from Oregon and Canada West, and concurred in by the Grand Lodge of the United States. The dispensation for the first Lodge in British Columbia was afterwards issued by the Grand Lodge of California, and on the 10th of March, 1864, Victoria Lodge, No. 1, was instituted at Victoria, Bro. J. S. Drummond being the leading spirit in securing what is believed to be the first benefit society organized in the Province. On the 25th of April, 1874, the Grand Lodge of British Columbia was instituted, with Bro. J. S. Drummond as Grand Master, the Province then having 5 Lodges and a membership of 380. It is interesting to note that in securing for our Western Province this governing body, Bro. Jas. Woodvatt, of Brantford, then Grand Representative from Ontario, took an active part. With the exception of a period of business depression from 1878 to 1882 the Order from the first has steadily advanced and to-day is in a flourishing condition in British Columbia.

IN 1871 a movement was made towards the organization of a Lodge of the Order in Manitoba, but it was not until 1873 that success was met with. In that year, through the efforts of Bro. R. D. Patterson, formerly of Kingston, ably seconded by Past Grand Master John Gibson, then Grand Representative from Ontario, a dispensation was secured from the Grand Lodge of the United States and a Commission issued to Bro. Patterson, resulting in the institution of Manitoba Lodge, No. 1, at Winnipeg, on the 18th of August, 1873. Prosperity attended the lodge and a movement for the organization of an encampment soon followed, resulting in the institution of Harmony Encampment, No. 1, on the 25th of Nov. 1874. A year later, on June 9th, 1875, North Star Lodge, No. 2, was instituted, but it was not until 1880 that further additions were made, when Lodges were opened at Portage la Prairie and Emerson. Other openings appeared, and within the next few years the Order had grown to 7 Lodges and 2 Encampments, and on the 24th of October, 1883, the Grand Lodge of Manitoba was instituted by Bro. J. P. Young, Past Grand High Priest of Chatham, Ontario, who, in 1882, had been appointed District Deputy Grand Sirs for Manitoba, he being located at Portage la Prairie. With the increasing population and prosperity of the Province the Order has kept apace, and nowhere can now be found more generous, warm hearted, or more enthusiastic Odd Fellows than are met with in the growing cities, towns and hamlets of the Prairie Province.

MAINLY through the influence of the Odd Fellows of Manitoba the Order spread out into the Territories, Valley Lodge, No. 1, being instituted at Moosejaw, Ass., on the 28th of December, 1883. On the 26th of December, 1884, Alberta Lodge, No. 1, was instituted at Calgary, Alta., and on the 2nd of May, 1888, Saskatchewan Lodge, No. 1, was instituted at Battleford, Sas. Other Lodges sprung up in each of these Territories, all of which give gratifying evidence of strength and vigor. Most of the Lodges in the Territories are attached to the Jurisdiction of Manitoba and are under the care and protection of its Grand Lodge, only a few, if any, remaining under the jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. Now that autonomy has been granted the Territories and the new Province of Alberta and Saskatchewan created, the progressive spirit of Odd Fellowship will no doubt again assert itself in an early demand for the institution of one or two new Grand Lodges. Battleford, 53° North Latitude, being at the time of the organization of its Lodge 312 miles distant from the nearest Lodge: 160 miles from the nearest settlement, and 200 miles away in a railroad, might have been considered very much out of civilization, but it is not outside the reach of Odd Fellowship. Nor is it to-day necessary of the most Northern Lodge within Canada's vast domain, for up in the Yukon an Odd Fellows' Lodge was instituted at Dawson on the 7th of October, 1901. But then, the Globe represents the Order's field of labor. It seeks to bring men everywhere into fellowship.

The Grand Lodge of Ontario, 1855-1905

WE TURN NOW to the institution and work of our own Grand Lodge. In the briefest form possible for the purposes of this booklet we have related the story of the introduction of the Order into Canada. We have told you something of its flourishing condition in its early days, and then how, through failure on the part of many admitted to its ranks to grasp the true intent and meaning of the Order, or to understand a great practicable system of Brotherly Love and mutual relief, its decline in Eastern Canada followed, and finally its abandonment by all but a mere handful of men who had put behind them selfishness, malice, envy and strife, and who had learned to regard the native principles of Friendship, Love and Truth, the progressive power of Oddfellowship, as the richest gems that can adorn human character.

"Scatter these gems of the beautiful
In the depths of the human soul,
They shall bud and blossom and
bear the fruit
While the endless ages roll;
Plant with the flowers of charity
The portals of the tomb—
And the fair, and the pure above thy
path
In paradise shall bloom."

Foremost in this band of men was

Bro. Reynolds, of Brockville, who was surrounded and supported by the members of Brock and other Lodges in keeping the Order together in Western Canada. Bro. Reynolds was born in Brockville in 1820, and after being educated in his native town studied medicine in Montreal and Edinburgh, and received his degree of M. D. in 1842. Outside



THOMAS REYNOLDS, G.M.

of his profession he wielded an important influence, and was ever foremost in furthering the interests of his fellow townsmen materially, socially and morally. He joined Brock Lodge in March, 1854, and soon became an enthusiastic Odd Fellow. In his private and professional life he daily practiced the cardinal virtues of benevolence and charity, and in selecting him as the first occupant

of the Grand Master's chair the delegates showed their appreciation of his services to the Order, as well as of his fitness for the high and honorable position.

As has been shown, it was not long after Grand Secretary Ridgeley had departed before Bro. Reynolds had communicated with the several lodges in the Province, and having obtained their concurrence in the formation of a Grand Lodge, delegates were summoned to attend a meeting at Brockville on the 23rd of August, 1855. Previous to this date other Lodges added to the list were: Chatham, No. 29; Chatham; Eureka, No. 30; London; Morpeth, No. 31; Morpeth; Elgin, No. 32; St. 7 o'clock; Erie, No. 33; Port Burwell; and Gore, No. 34; Brantford, while Ontario, No. 12, Cobourg, was resuscitated. These, with Brock, No. 9; Union, No. 16; Industry, No. 25; Caledonia, No. 27, and Rose, No. 28, made up the list of 12 Lodges over which the new Grand Lodge was to have jurisdiction, their combined membership being a little over 500.

At the meeting at Brockville on the 23rd of August, 13 representatives attended, as follows:

Brock, No. 9—Wm. Fitzsimmons, Geo. Sherwood.
Union, No. 16—G. W. Morgan, Chauncy Yale, J. R. Cook, Nicholas Riggins, and Thos. Fletcher.

Industry, No. 25—Chas. E. Ewing.
Eureka, No. 30—Geo. W. Ashton.
Elgin, No. 32—G. T. Clars.
Eric, No. 33—W. A. Glover.
Gore, No. 34—John Cameron, B. F.
VanBrocklin.

D. D. G. S. Reynolds presided, and, after the usual formalities in organizing the meeting, conferred on those present the Grand Lodge degree, when officers were selected and the Grand Lodge of Canada West duly formed. The following were the officers:

Grand Master—Thos. Reynolds.
Deputy Grand Master—C. Yale.
Grand Warden—J. Cameron.
Grand Secretary—A. Dixon.
Grand Treasurer—C. T. Clars.
Grand Representative—Thos. Reynolds.
Grand Marshal—Geo. Sherwood.
Grand Conductor—C. E. Ewing.
Grand Guardian—Wm. Fitzsimmons.

The first business transacted was the adoption of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States, in so far as applicable for present use, and the appointment of a committee to draft a Constitution and By-Laws for the Grand Lodge. The meeting occupied considerable time, and an evening session was held, at which reports of committees were received and disposed of. Some progress was made in laying a solid foundation for the mighty structure that was to follow, and, before adjourning, a resolution was unanimously passed placing on the minute book "a record for all time to come, of our high sense of appreciation of the noble and untiring zeal and truly praiseworthy perseverance of Bro. Rey-

nolds in upholding and maintaining our revered institution in Canada West, and that too, under the most frowning and adverse circumstances, when its utter annihilation was threatened and nearly accomplished."

The Grand Lodge then formally adjourned to meet in Brantford on the 3rd Wednesday in October.

SUCH WAS the commencement of the 50 years of noble work of what is now the Grand Lodge of Ontario, whose Golden Anniversary we today celebrate in the honored and revered place of its birth. Fifty years ago there was gathered at Brockville but a small band of warriors, to-day there is present a solid phalanx, armed with the glorious weapons of our Order—Friendship, Love and Truth, the one ready then, the other ready now, to stand forth in the strife in which our brotherhood is engaged—the cause of unselfish, generous benevolence—the cause of common philanthropy ignoring all party and political views, and endeavoring to unite all in a cause in which honesty of purpose is a prominent characteristic, a bond of union which requires not traditional birth to give antiquity to its origin, for in all ages those alone have been the recognized Odd Fellows who have proved themselves to be honest men.

The adjourned session of the Grand Lodge was held at Brantford, on the 17th of October, 8 representatives being present. The main business of the session was the consideration and adoption of a Constitution and By-Laws, submitted by the Committee.

1856.

ST. CATHARINES, the home of that sturdy Lodge which has never wavered in the work set before it, or in faithfully carrying out the commands of the Order, old Union, No. 16, was honored with the second annual communication of the Grand Lodge, which met there on the 6th of August, 1856. The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Warden, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer and Grand Guardian, and 11 representatives were present. Grand Master Reynolds presented an able and lucid address dealing with all the important matters to come before the Grand Lodge, and reporting his attendance at the Grand Lodge of the United States as Grand Representative, in the previous September. An account was presented from the G. L. U. S. for charter fee, \$10.00, and Representative tax for 1855 and 1856, \$50.00 each—a total of \$130.00. The report on the State of the Order showed 12 Lodges, 605 members, and credits paid, \$299.00. Indebtedness to Bro. Dr. Smith, of Detroit, and brethren in Michigan for the opening of new Lodges in the far West and their subsequent instruction, was acknowledged.

Officers 1856-1857:—

Grand Master—Thos. Reynolds.
Dep. Grand Master—B. F. VanBrocklin.
Grand Warden—L. D. Winchester.
Grand Secretary—J. Cameron.
Grand Treasurer—W. Fitzsimmons.
Grand Marshal—A. Mathews.
Grand Conductor—Henry Mears.
Grand Guardian—Hiram Bell.

THE THIRD annual session was held in the City of London on the 4th of August. 13 representatives were present, and in their report the Committee on credentials expressed pleasure at being able to record so full a representation, "indicating, as it does, the steady march, increasing prosperity, and future success of the noble Order, of which this Grand Lodge is as yet a young, and, comparatively speaking, feeble branch." Considerable routine business was transacted. Steps were taken to procure a suitable design for a charter for Subordinate Lodges. The allowance for reps. attending Grand Lodge was fixed at 5c. per mile, according to railway distance, and \$1.00 per day for three days. Action was taken with a view to empowering Subordinate Lodges to appoint a physician to examine candidates for initiation. The state of the Order at this meeting showed 15 Lodges and 738 members. Benefits paid, \$796.00. Bro. Reynolds was re-elected G. M. after a contest with Bro. Yale.

Officers 1857-58: -

Grand Master—Thos. Reynolds.
Dep. Grand Master—Geo. W. Morgan.
Grand Warden—John Morrison.
Grand Secretary—Jno. Cameron.
Grand Treasurer—Wm. Fitzsimmons.
Grand Rep. Chauncey Yale.
Grand Marshal—(Name not recorded).
Grand Conductor—Hiram Bell.
Grand Guardian—W. Bissell.

BANTFORD was the meeting place of the fourth session of the Grand Lodge, which met on the 4th of August. 18 representatives. Business brought before the meeting was of a very general character. Morpeth Lodge, No. 31, was reported as having surrendered its charter, otherwise the Order was said to be in a prosperous state, although the Lodges still stood at 15, and the membership at 738. Grand Master Reynolds declined re-election. Benefits paid, \$467.74.



CHAUNCEY YALE, G. M.

Officers 1858-59: —

Grand Master—Chauncey Yale.
Deputy Grand Master—A. MacDonald.
Grand Warden—James Westland.
Grand Secretary—S. G. Dolson.
Grand Treasurer—Wm. Fitzsimmons.
Grand Rep.—Chauncey Yale.
Grand Marshal—T. Fletcher.
Grand Conductor—Wm. Bissell.
Grand Guardian—Jas. Henry.

1859.

THE FIFTH session was held at Cobourg on the 3rd of August, 7 Grand Officers and 12 representatives being present. The Noble Grand of Ontario Lodge extended an enthusiastic welcome to the Grand Lodge and that Body was given a public dinner by Ontario Lodge in honor of their meeting in Cobourg. The business of the session was not heavy. Industry Lodge, No. 25, and Rose, No. 28, dropped out during the year, and the statistical table showed only 12 Lodges and 606 members, but, with one or two exceptions all doing well. The Grand Master reported several of the Lodges as maintaining high rank, but it was noted that in one or two others defalcations by treasurers and embezzlements had taken place, showing that unprincipled men had gotten into the Order. Notwithstanding, the state of the Order was considered satisfactory, and as affording cheering prospects for the future. Benefits paid, \$396.00.

Officers 1859-60: —

Grand Master—Chauncey Yale.
Deputy Grand Master—A. J. Aylsworth.
Grand Warden—Wm. Bissell.
Grand Secretary—S. G. Dolson.
Grand Treasurer—Wm. Fitzsimmons.
Grand Rep.—Thos. Partridge.
Grand Marshal—R. Wigmore.
Grand Conductor—A. C. Dana.
Grand Guardian—Daniel Drake.

1860.

THE SIXTH session convened in St. Catharines 1st August, 1860, 18 representatives. The death of Past Grand Master Reynolds was reported, and profound sorrow expressed. Lodges, 13; members, 534. Financial depression was given as a hindrance to greater progress, but the prospects were considered cheering. A uniform style of credential for representatives, to be used in all Lodges, was adopted. The Grand Secretary was allowed \$30 for his services. Benefits paid, \$1,338.00.



S. G. DOLSON, G. M.

Officers 1860-61:—

Grand Master—S. G. Dolson.
Dep. Grand Master—John King.
Grand Warden—J. R. Peel.
Grand Secretary—Wm. H. Read.
Grand Treasurer—W. Fitzsimmons.
Grand Marshal—W. A. Glover.
Grand Conductor—John Barr.
Grand Guardian—W. H. Nelson.

1861.

SEVENTH SESSION, St. Thomas, 7th August, 5 Grand Officers, 16 reps. In consequence of the disorganized condition of affairs in the U.S. pending the commencement of hostilities, it was decided to withhold the per capita dues until a more settled condition prevailed. Subordinates were allowed to hold weekly or semi-weekly meetings, the latter being considered admissible in some localities. Lodges, 14; members, 544; benefits paid, \$1,242.00.



WM. BISSELL, G. M.

Officers 1861-62:—

Grand Master—Wm. Bissell.
Dep. Grand Master—J. R. Peel.
Grand Warden—John Collins.
Grand Secretary—H. C. Bingham.
Grand Treasurer—Thomas Brown.
Grand Rep.—S. G. Dolson, P.G.M.
Grand Marshal—Wm. Skinner.
Grand Conductor—R. Box.
Grand Guardian—A. W. Ithew.

1862.

EIGHTH session, Chatham, 6th August, 5 Grand Officers, 20 reps. Warlike spirit in the United States referred to. The death of Past Grand Sire Willey on the 19th of October, 1861, in his 80th year, was reported to the Lodge amidst deep sorrow at the passing away of the founder of the Order. The proxy system of representation for next session was recommended to the Subordinate Lodges for voluntary adoption. Lodges, 15; members, 500; benefits paid, \$403.00.



H. C. BINGHAM, G. M.

Officers 1862-63:—

Grand Master—H. C. Bingham.
Dep. Grand Master—H. Sewell.
Grand Warden—J. Harrison.
Grand Sec.-Treas. Jas. Woollynt.
Grand Rep.—S. G. Dolson, P.G.M.
Grand Marshal—James Smith.
Grand Conductor—A. Humphrey.
Grand Guardian—J. Taylor.

1863.

NINTH session, St. Mary's, 6th August, 5 Grand Officers, 16 regps. The U. S. civil war in contrast with our own peaceful and prosperous condition as a people was commented on, and the former deplored. Grand Master reported correspondence from Manchester Unity suggesting amalgamation of, or some form of reciprocity between the two societies. As a tribute to the memory of Father Willey the Lodges made contribution towards the Willey Monument Fund. Lodges, 15; members, 573; relief paid, \$858.48.



JAMES WOODYATT, G. M.

Officers 1863-64:—

Grand Master—James Woodyatt.
Dep. Grand Master—Thos. Brown.
Grand Warden—Rolt. Kirkpatrick.
Grand Sec. Treasurer—Jas. Smith.
Grand Rep.—H. C. Bingham, P.G.M.
Grand Marshal—Richard Wigmore.
Grand Conductor—Harry Black.
Grand Guardian—E. W. Dixon.

1864.

TELEVENTH session, London, 3rd Aug. 1864. Grand Officers, 20 regps. Order reported never more prosperous in Canada, and its whole machinery running smoothly. Copies of the Canadian Form of Charter for Subordinates were sold to the Grand Lodge of Michigan at \$2.00 each. The "American Odd Fellow," published at New York, was recommended to the patronage of the Canadian Brethren. Brother J. B. King and five others received Grand Lodge Degree. Lodges, 16; members, 512; relief paid, \$1,010.29.



JAMES SMITH, G. M.

Officers 1864-65:—

Grand Master—James Smith.
Dep. Grand Master—Thos. Brown.
Grand Warden—John Barr.
Grand Sec. Treasurer—R. Wigmore.
Grand Rep.—H. C. Bingham, P.G.M.
Grand Marshal—J. Weatherly.
Grand Conductor—A. Bristol.
Grand Guardian—T. James.

1865.

ELEVENTH session, Hamilton, 2nd August, 6 Grand Officers, 10 regps. Application to Provincial Parliament for Act of Incorporation agreed to. Assassination of President Lincoln, of the U. S., subject of regret. Address of sympathy for Nation's loss passed and forwarded to President Johnson, through Bro. Schuyler Colfax, Speaker of the House of Representatives. Order reported stronger in finances and membership, and future prospects brighter. Lodges, 14; members, 530; benefits paid, \$826.98.



JAMES D. TAIT, G. M.

Officers 1865-66:—

Grand Master—Jas. D. Tait.
Dep. Grand Master—Henry McAfee.
Grand Warden—Edmund Belz.
Grand Sec. Treasurer—R. Wigmore.
Grand Rep.—Jas. Smith, P.G.M.
Grand Marshal—John Taylor, Jr.
Grand Conductor—Geo. Powell.
Grand Guardian—J. B. King.

1866.

TWELFTH session, Brantford, 1st August, 6 Grand Officers, 20 repa. Fenian raid noted, and spontaneous response by all classes to call in defence of our country commanded. Schuyler Colfax reported as countenancing the Fenian organization. Past Grand Sirs J. B. Nicholson visited Lodges in Canada West. Approved, that work of Grand Lodge be done in Grand Lodge Degree instead of Scarlet Degree. Change in name of G. L. U. S. proposed. Lodges, 15; members, 847; benefits paid, \$1,238.00.



RICHARD WIGMORE, G. M.

Officers 1866-67:—

Grand Master—R. Wigmore.
Dep. Grand Master—H. McAfee.
Grand Warden—John Taylor, Jr.
Grand Sec.-Treasurer—J. B. King.
Grand Rep.—Jas. Smith, P.G.M.
Grand Marshal—W. Mowat.
Grand Conductor—A. McPhail.
Grand Guardian—A. Purvis.

1867.

THIRTEENTH session, St. Catharines, 7th August, 6 Grand Officers, 24 repa. Confederation of Provinces hailed as giving Order enlarged sphere of operations. Enactment of the Provincial Parliament of Canada forbidding Civil Officers to hold membership in any secret society. Grand Master Wigmore was compelled to resign office and membership in the Order. Grand Sir Jas. P. Saunders and others from the U. S. visited Grand Lodge. Lodges, 14; members, 907; benefits paid, \$1,382.00.



HENRY McAFEE, G. M.

Officers 1867-68:—

Grand Master—Henry McAfee.
Dep. Grand Master—John Barr.
Grand Warden—Edmund Belz.
Grand Sec.-Treasurer—J. B. King.
Grand Rep.—Jas. Woodyatt, P.G.M.
Grand Marshal—Jas. McIntyre.
Grand Conductor—W. Mowat.
Grand Guardian—W. A. Glover.

1868.

FOURTEENTH session, Ingomill, 5th August, 6 Grand Officers, 30 repa. Failure to secure incorporation reported. Institution on the 14th of January, of Canada Lodge, No. 49, in Toronto, where from 1849 up to this time the Order had slumbered, was noted. Change of name to "Grand Lodge of Ontario" by G. L. U. S. came into force. Grand Lodge declared entitled, for the first time, to two Grand Representatives. \$30.00 allowed G. S. for ensuing year. Lodges, 17; members, 1,103; benefits paid, \$2,345.24.



JOHN BARR, G. M.

Officers 1868-69:—

Grand Master—John Barr.
Dep. Grand Master—T. Partridge.
Grand Warden—R. Kirkpatrick.
Grand Sec.-Treasurer—J. B. King.
2nd Grand Rep.—H. McAfee, P.G.M.
Grand Marshal—Geo. Wales.
Grand Conductor—R. Barbour.
Grand Guardian—John Noble.

1869.

FIFTEENth session, Hamilton, 4th August, 9 Grand Officers, 41 reps. Surplus funds of the G. L. invested for first time, in Dominion Stock. Dispensation granted for Lodge of the Degree of Releah at London. Organization of the "Old Fellows Benevolent Association of Ontario" approved. Copy of the "Canadian Star of Odd Fellowship," published at Hamilton, ord. rel for each Lodge. Purchase of regalia for G. L. officers and reps. decided upon. Lodges, 20; members, 1,443; benefits paid, \$2,547.70.



THOS. PARTRIDGE, G. M.

Officers 1869-70:—

Grand Master—T. Partridge.
Dep. Grand Master—T. Healy.
Grand Warden—J. Wright.
Grand Sec.-Treasurer—J. B. King.
Grand Rep.—Jas. Woodyatt, P.G.M.
Grand Marshal—G. H. Mariatt.
Grand Conductor—M. Blume.
Grand Guardian—J. B. McIntyre.
Grand Chaplain—J. W. Ferguson.

1870.

SIXTEENTH session, Brockville, 3rd August, 9 Grand Officers, 52 reps. Grand Sir Stewart present at Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment, and instituted Brock Encampment No. 9. Lodges ordered to be notified of illegality in allowing the O. O. H. or other similar Degrees having no connection with this Order to be conferred in Lodge rooms of the Order. Revised Constitution of Grand and Subordinate Lodges adopted. Lodges, 30; members, 2,302; benefits paid, \$3,290.26.



W. N. FORD, G. M.

Officers 1870-71:—

Grand Master—W. N. Ford.
Dep. Grand Master—John Gibson.
Grand Warden—J. J. Ramsay.
Grand Secretary—J. B. King.
Grand Treasurer—A. D. Clement.
Grand Rep.—T. Partridge, P.G.M.
Grand Marshal—Thos. Reid.
Grand Conductor—W. D. Kennedy.
Grand Guardian—A. McPhail.
Grand Chaplain—C. F. Hanson.

1871.

SEVENTEENTH session, Toronto, 7th August, 11 Grand Officers, 84 reps. Unprecedented prosperity was reported, 14 new Lodges instituted during the year. Provincial legislation had been secured permitting Subordinate Lodges to become incorporated, and some Lodges had taken advantage of the Act. Regulations for the establishment of Degree Lodges was adopted. Assistant G. S. appointed for balance of session. Lodges, 44; members, 3,495; benefits paid, \$4,716.53.



JOHN GIBSON, G. M.

Officers 1871-72:—

Grand Master—John Gibson.
Dep. Grand Master—John Murray.
Grand Warden—John Hunter.
Grand Secretary—J. B. King.
Grand Treasurer—A. D. Clement.
Grand Rep.—Jas. Woodyatt, P.G.M.
Grand Marshal—J. F. McDonald.
Grand Conductor—Jno. Schneider.
Grand Guardian—G. W. Pontine.
Grand Chaplain—C. S. Male.

1872.

EIGHTEENTH session convened at Windsor on the 7th of August, 10 Grand Officers, 106 reps. Rapid advance of the Order continued, 21 new Lodges instituted, 1 resuscitated. Per capita of 50 cents a year payable to Grand Lodge adopted, also Constitution for Degree Lodges. The question of creating a Supreme Grand Lodge for Canada was considered adversely. District system introduced, but postponed until next session. Lodges, 66; members, 5,079; terebfits paid, \$6,277.95.



JOHN MURRAY, G. M.

Officers 1872-73:—

Grand Master—John Murray.
Dep. Grand Master—Geo. Wright.
Grand Warden—R. Warriner.
Grand Secretary—J. B. King.
Grand Treasurer—A. D. Clement.
Grand Rep.—John Gibson, P.G.M.
Grand Marshal—Harper Wilson.
Grand Conductor—Geo. Midgely.
Grand Guardian—J. F. Morey.
Grand Chaplain—John Hurst.

1873.

NINETEENTH session, Stratford, 6th August, 10 Grand Officers, 129 reps. Twenty new Lodges marked the prosperity of the past year. The publication of a book of Laws for the guidance of Subordinates was ordered. District system adopted. Jurisdiction divided into 25 Districts. Representation in Grand Lodge was fixed at 1 for 100 or less, 2 for over 100 and under 200, and 3 for over 200 members. Lodges, 86; members, 6,774; relief paid, \$10,822.78.



GEO. WRIGHT, G. M.

Officers 1873-74:—

Grand Master—Geo. Wright.
Dep. Grand Master—R. Warriner.
Grand Warden—H. E. Buttery.
Grand Secretary—J. B. King.
Grand Treasurer—A. D. Clement.
Grand Rep.—Jas. Woodyatt, P.G.M.
Grand Marshal—J. S. McMahon.
Grand Conductor—Hugh McCall.
Grand Guardian—W. D. Gordon.
Grand Chaplain—W. Fitzsimmons.

1874.

TWENTIETH session, Kingston, 5th August, 11 Grand Officers, 142 reps. Gratifying advance in the progress of the Order, 28 new Lodges and 1 resuscitated. Action again taken towards securing incorporation of G. L. Bros. J. Woodyatt, and J. B. King, appointed to co-operate with Grand Secretary Rudgley in compilation of history of the Order. Constitution of G. & S. Lodges revised. Digest of G. & S. Laws printed. Lodges, 115; members, 8,578; relief paid, \$12,963.37.



W. FITZSIMMONS, G. M.

Officers 1874-75:—

Grand Master—W. Fitzsimmons.
Dep. Grand Master—H. E. Buttery.
Grand Warden—J. T. Hornibrook.
Grand Secretary—J. B. King.
Grand Treasurer—Geo. Irwin.
Grand Rep.—John Harr, P.G.M.
Grand Marshal—Geo. Wales.
Grand Conductor—F. W. Johnston.
Grand Guardian—Joseph Craig.
Grand Chaplain—W. Bissell, P.G.M.

1875.

TWENTY-FIRST session, London, 4th August, 10 Grand Officers, 183 reps. Grand Lodge incorporated 19th Nov., 1874. Model code of by-laws for Subordinates adopted. Buffeters in Kansas by grasshoppers and drought aided by donations from lodges. Special session G.L. held at Whitby 24th May to receive Grand Sire Durham and attend dedication of new hall. Lodges, 141; members, 10,188; relief paid, \$16,187.92.



H. E. BUTLERY, G.M.

Officers 1875-76:

Grand Master—H. E. Butlery.
Dep. Grand Master—J. T. Hornibrook.
Grand Warden—Robert Evans.
Grand Secretary—J. B. King.
Grand Treasurer—George Irwin.
Grand Rep.—George Wright, P.G.M.
Grand Marshal—J. T. White.
Grand Conductor—W. W. Griffey.
Grand Guardian—D. M. Telford.
Grand Chaplain—W. Hughan.

1876.

TWENTY-SECOND session, St. Catharines, 2nd August, 11 Grand Officers, 209 reps. Grand Treasurer's Irwin's death through accident on 18th May, and appointment of Wm. Badenach, were reported. Work of Mutual Aid Associations at Kingston and Hamilton commended. G. L. invited to participate in Centennial celebration at Philadelphia. Draft of Constitution for Rebekah lodges submitted. Lodges, 156; members, 11,322; relief, \$19,403.20.



J. HAM PERRY, G.M.

Officers 1876-77:

Grand Master—J. Ham Perry.
Dep. Grand Master—Cl. T. Campbell.
Grand Warden—Fife Fowler.
Grand Secretary—J. B. King.
Grand Treasurer—Wm. Badenach.
Grand Rep.—W. W. Woollyatt, P.G.M.
Grand Marshal—John Campbell.
Grand Conductor—J. E. Durham.
Grand Guardian—Allen McFee.
Grand Chaplain—R. W. Bell.

1877.

TWENTY-THIRD session, Belleville, 1st August, 11 Grand Officers, 231 reps. Grand and Subordinate Lodges contributed to relief of sufferers through destructive fire at St. John, N.L. Other jurisdictions communicated with to have name of G.L.U.S. changed. The relation of dues to benefits, and proposed amendments to the Constitution of Subordinates occupied much attention at this session. Lodges, 175; members, 12,172; relief paid, \$22,080.4.



CL. T. CAMPBELL, G.M.

Officers 1877-78:

Grand Master—Cl. T. Campbell.
Dep. Grand Master—Fife Fowler.
Grand Warden—R. Tracey.
Grand Secretary—J. B. King.
Grand Treasurer—Wm. Badenach.
Grand Rep.—W. N. Ford, P.G.M.
Grand Marshal—J. R. Peckham.
Grand Conductor—Samuel Burden.
Grand Guardian—T. W. Raines.
Grand Herald—James Hoskins.
Grand Chaplain—Leonard Ferguson.

1878.

TWENTY-FOURTH session, Toronto, 14th August, 12 Grand Officers, 228 reps. In view of failure to secure change in title of G.L.U.S., the erection of Canada into a Sovereign Jurisdiction was considered. Steps were taken to prepare a history of the Order in Canada. Cl. T. Campbell, James Woodyatt and J. B. King appointed special committee for the purpose. Lodges, 180; members, 12,332; relief paid, \$21,287.92.



J. T. HORNIBROOK, G.M.

Officers 1878-79:

Grand Master J. T. Hornibrook.
Dep. Grand Master J. B. McIntyre.
Grand Warden W. H. Cole.
Grand Secretary J. B. King.
Grand Treasurer Wm. Badenoch.
Grand Rep. James Woodyatt, P.G.M.
Grand Marshal Wm. Murphy.
Grand Conductor T. G. Carson.
Grand Guardian T. G. Lowe.
Grand Herald John Bailes.
Grand Chaplain W. Ballantyne.

1879.

TWENTY-FIFTH session, Hamilton, 13th August, 12 Grand Officers, 237 reps. Aid contributed to sufferers from yellow fever in southern jurisdictions in September, 1878. Grand Lodge of Quebec reported instituted in October, 1878. History of Ontario ship in Canada prepared by special committee ordered to be published. G. L. decided to invite G.L.U.S. to meet next year in Ontario. Lodges, 186; members, 12,412; relief paid, \$25,144.47.



FIFE FOWLER, G.M.

Officers 1879-80:

Grand Master Fife Fowler.
Dep. Grand Master W. H. Cole.
Grand Warden R. M. M. Patton.
Grand Secretary J. B. King.
Grand Treasurer Wm. Badenoch.
Grand Rep. Cl. T. Campbell, P.G.M.
Grand Marshal Geo. W. Jessop.
Grand Conductor D. McConachie.
Grand Guardian Henry Wilson.
Grand Herald Henry Riley.
Grand Chaplain Rev. S. G. Caulfield.

1880.

TWENTY-SIXTH session, Guelph, 11th August, 12 Grand Officers, 223 reps. This session is memorable as the 25th or silver anniversary of the Grand Lodge, and the year one long to be remembered as the only one in which the Sovereign Grand Lodge has met outside the boundaries of the United States, the session of 1880 having been held in Toronto in September. Lodges, 188; members, 12,168; relief paid, \$26,675.76.



W. H. COLE, G.M.

Officers 1880-81:

Grand Master W. H. Cole.
Dep. Grand Master R. M. M. Patton.
Grand Warden Hy. Robertson.
Grand Secretary J. B. King.
Grand Treasurer Wm. Badenoch.
Grand Rep. Jas. Woodyatt, P.G.M.
Grand Marshal Jas. Pittson.
Grand Conductor J. F. O'Neil.
Grand Guardian Jas. Burton.
Grand Herald S. M. Gee.
Grand Chaplain Geo. W. Calvert.

1881.

TWENTY-SEVENTH session, Brantford, 10th August, 12 Grand Officers, 231 reps. The matter of changes in the Ritual made at last session S. G. L. was reported. Grand Secretary, on behalf of the S. G. L., presented Grand Lodge with a Grand Master's Jewel as a memento of the session held in Toronto in 1880. Establishment of the Dominion Odd Fellow at Napavine approved. Lodges, 192; members, 12,776; relief paid, \$29,719.47.



J. B. M'INTYRE, G.M.

Officers 1881-82:

Grand Master J. B. McIntyre.
Dep. Grand Master Henry Robertson.
Grand Warden Wm. Macdiarmid.
Grand Secretary J. B. King.
Grand Treasurer Wm. Badenach.
Grand Rep. Cl. T. Campbell, P.G.M.
Grand Marshal J. H. Mills.
Grand Conductor C. F. Colwell.
Grand Guardian B. R. Woods.
Grand Herald G. C. Mortimore.
Grand Chaplain V. H. Moore.

1882.

TWENTY-EIGHTH session, Toronto, 9th August, 12 Grand Officers, 238 reps. Laws changed to conform to S.G.L. legislation directing that all lodge busin as be done in the Third Degree. Sympathetic action taken on the death of President Garfield, U.S., in September, and of Grand Secretary James L. Ridgely in November, 1881. New regalia for Grand Lodge officers purchased. Lodges, 202; members, 13,861; relief paid, \$34,986.07.



HENRY ROBERTSON, G.M.

Officers 1882-83:

Grand Master Henry Robertson.
Dep. Grand Master Wm. Macdiarmid.
Grand Warden A. L. Morden.
Grand Secretary—J. B. King.
Grand Treasurer Wm. Badenach.
Grand Rep.—James Woodatt, P.G.M.
Grand Marshal—J. P. Featherstone.
Grand Conductor J. C. Burt.
Grand Guardian W. J. Vale.
Grand Herald James C. Morgan.
Grand Chaplain T. W. Jolliffe.

1883.

TWENTY-NINTH session, Ottawa, 8th August, 12 Grand Officers, 248 reps. Legislative making terms annual instead of semi annual was rejected. Form of ceremony for use at decoration of graves of deceased brothers authorized. 40 per cent. of milenge and per diem allowance paid. Prefixes, "Most Worthy," etc., to titles of Grand Lodge and Grand Officers abolished. Lodges, 204; members, 14,173; relief paid, \$38,881.72.



W.M. MACDIARMID, G.M.

Officers 1883-84:

Grand Master Wm. Macdiarmid.
Dep. Grand Master A. L. Morden.
Grand Warden N. H. Martin.
Grand Secretary J. B. King.
Grand Treasurer Wm. Badenach.
Grand Rep. -Cl. T. Campbell, P.G.M.
Grand Marshal—J. R. Reid.
Grand Conductor—J. J. Manning.
Grand Guardian—J. W. Burris.
Grand Herald—J. F. O'Neil.
Grand Chaplain—T. W. Jolliffe.

1884.

THIRTIETH session, St. Thomas, 13th August, 11 Grand Officers, 242 reps. Subordinate Lodges were given power to provide by by law for payment of dues in advance. Provision was made for the installation of officers in public, under dispensation. Institution of Grand Lodge of Manitoba in October, 1883, reported. Form of decoration ceremony submitted by P.G.M. Campbell adopted. Lodges, 204; members, 14,330; relief paid, \$41,224.56.



A. L. MORDEN, G.M.

Officers 1884-85:

Grand Master—A. L. Morden.
Dep. Grand Master N. H. Martin.
Grand Warden L. Ferguson.
Grand Secretary—J. B. King.
Grand Treasurer Wm. Badenach.
Grand Rep. James Woodyatt, P.G.M.
Grand Marshal A. McFee.
Grand Conductor J. A. Macdonald.
Grand Guardian F. F. Lawrence,
Grand Herald J. H. Magill.
Grand Chaplain—Rev. T. W. Jolliffe.

1885.

THIRTY FIRST session, Hamilton, 12th August, 13 Grand Officers, 248 reps. Governor-General being in Hamilton was presented with an address. Constitution of Subordinates amended. Regalia of Order defined. Proposed endowment scheme and dual membership rejected. Address and gold watch presented to Grand Secretary in acknowledgement of 20 years faithful service. Lodges, 208; members, 14,591; relief paid, \$44,972.38.



REV. N. H. MARTIN, G.M.

Officers 1885-86

Grand Master Rev. N. H. Martin.
Dep. Grand Master John Donogh.
Grand Warden J. R. Reid.
Grand Secretary—J. B. King.
Grand Treasurer Wm. Badenach.
Grand Rep. Cl. T. Campbell, P.G.M.
Grand Marshal R. W. Bell.
Grand Conductor E. G. Thomas.
Grand Guardian G. H. Weagant.
Grand Herald Wm. Saunders.
Grand Chaplain Rev. T. W. Jolliffe.

1886.

THIRTY SECOND session, London, 11th August, 12 Grand Officers, 255 reps. The formation of Sick Clubs by several lodges approved as in harmony with the spirit of the Order. New form of application made compulsory. Lodge by laws compelling members residing within five miles to pay dues personally in the lodge room condemned as imposing a hardship. Lodges, 211; members, 14,847; relief paid, \$47,507.13.



JOHN DONOGH, G.M.

Officers 1886-87:

Grand Master J. J. Donogh.
Dep. Grand Master J. R. Reid.
Grand Warden E. R. Robinson.
Grand Secretary J. B. King.
Grand Treasurer Wm. Badenach.
Grand Rep. Wm. Macdiarmid, P.G.M.
Grand Marshal Wm. Fleming.
Grand Conductor G. M. Francis.
Grand Guardian Wm. Bushell.
Grand Herald—W. H. Lowe.
Grand Chaplain—Rev. T. W. Jolliffe.

1887.

THIRTY-THIRD session, Peterborough, 10th August, 13 Grand Officers, 289 reps. Deputy Grand Sire Underwood visited G. L. District system by grouping of Lodges and nomination of D.D.G.M. at district meeting adopted, term of office of D.D.G.M. to end with that of G.M. Congratulations of G. L. calmed to Queen Victoria on her entering 31st year of her reign. Lodges, 215; members, 15,353; relief paid, \$52,232.68.



J. R. REID, G.M.

Officers 1887-88:

Grand Master J. R. Reid,
Dep. Grand Master E. R. Robinson,
Grand Warden R. W. Bell,
Grand Secretary J. B. King,
Grand Treasurer Wm. Badenach,
Grand Rep. Cl. T. Campbell, P.G.M.,
Grand Marshal Rev. T. W. Jolliffe,
Grand Conductor R. Brockbank,
Grand Guardian A. Jordan,
Grand Herald G. T. Bickell,
Grand Chaplain Rev. J. H. Simpson.

1888.

THIRTY-FOURTH session, Barrie, 2nd August, 13 Grand Officers, 275 reps. Laws governing District Committees adopted. Special committee appointed on "Friendly Societies Bill" introduced in Provincial legislature. First application of O.F.R.A., organized in 1874, for recognition as required by laws of S.G.L. Election of Grand Officers changed to vote of Past Grandes in Subordinates. Payment of Widows' annuities discontinued. Lodges, 218; members, 16,060; relief, \$53,878.67.



E. R. ROBINSON, G.M.

Officers 1888-89:

Grand Master E. R. Robinson,
Dep. Grand Master R. W. Bell,
Grand Warden J. Ormiston,
Grand Secretary J. B. King,
Grand Treasurer Wm. Badenach,
Grand Rep. Henry Robertson, P.G.M.,
Grand Marshal Thos. Cethy,
Grand Conductor J. A. Young,
Grand Guardian J. Turner,
Grand Herald A. W. Cameron,
Grand Chaplain Rev. T. W. Jolliffe.

1889.

THIRTY-FIFTH session, St. Catharines, 14th August, 13 Grand Officers, 282 reps. Rebekah Degree Lodges entirely withdrawn from Subordinate Lodges and Constitution of former amended accordingly. Uniform medical examination for candidates for admission adopted. New scale of fees and dues providing for payment of Widows' benefits adopted as recommendation to Subordinate Lodges. Lodges, 222; members, 16,940; relief, \$62,522.04.



R. W. BELL, G.M.

Officers 1889-90:

Grand Master R. W. Bell,
Dep. Grand Master J. Ormiston,
Grand Warden P. E. Fitzpatrick,
Grand Secretary J. B. King,
Grand Treasurer Wm. Badenach,
Grand Rep. Cl. T. Campbell, P.G.M.,
Grand Marshal H. Rowland,
Grand Conductor A. H. Daugherty,
Grand Guardian S. S. Merrick,
Grand Herald T. Stewart,
Grand Chaplain Rev. J. H. Simpson.

1890.

THIRTY-SIXTH session, Toronto, 13th August, 11 Grand Officers, 294 reps. First veteran Jews in Ontario presented this year. The O.F.R.A. sanctioned by G.L. as an auxiliary endowment benefit association. Revised Constitution of Grand and Subordinate Lodges adopted. Preparation of new book of laws authorized. Lodges, 232; members, 17,707; relief paid, \$71,374.00. Grand Rep. Cl. T. Campbell elected Deputy Grand Sire.



JOHN ORMISTON, G.M.

Officers 1890-91:

Grand Master John Ormiston.
Dep. Grand Master—P. E. Fitzpatrick.
Grand Warden—Rev. T. W. Jolliffe.
Grand Secretary—J. B. King.
Grand Treasurer Wm. Badenach.
Grand Rep. Hy. Robertson, P.G.M.
Grand Marshal A. H. Blackely.
Grand Conductor B. F. Kittridge.
Grand Guardian J. B. Ferries.
Grand Herald Wm. Connor.
Grand Chaplain Rev. Hugh Taylor.

1891.

THIRTY SEVENTH session, Stratford, 12th August, 12 Grand Officers, 302 reps. G.M. Ormiston resigned May 2nd. D.G.M. Fitzpatrick acting G.M. Sympathy expressed on death of Sir J. A. McDonald, first N.G. of Cataraqui Lodge. Bro. King completed 25th year of service, and in recognition of fidelity and devotion was presented by G.L. with \$250.00. Provincial Rebekah Convention organized. Lodges, 237; members, 18,390; relief, \$65,293.84.



P. E. FITZPATRICK, G.M.

Officers 1891-92:

Grand Master P. E. Fitzpatrick.
Dep. Grand Master Rev. T. W. Jolliffe.
Grand Warden Joe Oliver.
Grand Secretary J. B. King.
Grand Treasurer Wm. Badenach.
Grand Rep. W. H. Cole, P.G.M.
Grand Marshal Samuel Law.
Grand Conductor W. J. Henry.
Grand Guardian W. J. Keiffer.
Grand Herald F. W. Warren.
Grand Chaplain Rev. W. J. Sanders.

1892.

THIRTY EIGHTH session, Windsor, 10th August, 13 Grand Officers, 325 reps. Grand Lodge decided to issue scavenger certificates of membership. Registration of Grand Lodge (which was also accepted for all Subordinate Lodges) was made under "The Insurance Corporations Act, 1892." The elevation of Dr. Cl. T. Campbell, D.G.M., to position of Grand Sire hailed with exquisit pleasure. Lodges, 244; members, 19,452; relief, \$75,34.94.



REV. T. W. JOLLIFFE, G.M.

Officers 1892-93:

Grand Master Rev. T. W. Jolliffe.
Dep. Grand Master Joseph Oliver.
Grand Warden W. H. Hoyle.
Grand Secretary J. B. King.
Grand Treasurer Wm. Badenach.
Grand Rep. Hy. Robertson, P.G.M.
Grand Marshal O. E. Fleming.
Grand Conductor Robert Meek.
Grand Guardian A. Mitchell.
Grand Herald L. R. Adolph.
Grand Chaplain Rev. W. J. Sanders.

1893.

THIRTY-NINTH session, Niagara Falls, 9th August, 13 Grand Officers, 337 reps. G.M. Jolliffe and G.M. elect Oliver appointed representatives at Odd Fellow gathering at World's Fair, Chicago. \$100 granted Rebekah Convention to defray expenses. Design of membership souvenir adopted. G. L. by law amended fixing per capita tax of 20c. on Rebekah Lodges for expense of annual convention. Lodges, 234; members, 20,554; relief paid, \$75,170.75.



JOSEPH OLIVER, G.M.

Officers 1893-94:

Grand Master—Joseph Oliver.
Dep. Grand Master—W. H. Hoyle.
Grand Warden—Thos. Woodyatt.
Grand Secretary—J. B. King.
Grand Treasurer—Wm. Badenach.
Grand Rep. P. E. Fitzpatrick, P.G.M.
Grand Marshal Dr. J. McLurg.
Grand Conductor L. C. Pascoe.
Grand Guardian M. L. Weber.
Grand Herald A. Patterson.
Grand Chaplain Rev. F. W. Arms

1894.

FORTIETH session, Kingston, 8th August, 13 Grand Officers, 363 reps. Payment of bonuses from Lodge funds for procuring members declared illegal. Membership having nearly doubled salary of G.S. increased to \$2,000. Bro. Ormiston, who only filled a portion of his term as G.M. declared entitled to the rank of P.G.M. Subordinates empowered to set apart 5 per cent. of dues as contingent fund. Lodges, 262; members, 21,685; relief, \$79,053.



W. H. HOYLE, G.M.

Officers 1894-95:

Grand Master—W. H. Hoyle.
Dep. Grand Master Thos. Woodyatt.
Grand Warden—Henry White.
Grand Secretary—J. B. King.
Grand Treasurer—Wm. Badenach.
Grand Rep. John Donogh, P.G.M.
Grand Marshal W. B. Dack.
Grand Conductor H. J. Guppy.
Grand Guardian J. H. Bustin.
Grand Herald—R. Brockbank.
Grand Chap. Rev. F. W. Armstrong.

FORTY-FIRST session, Hamilton, 14th August, 13 Grand Officers, 366 reps. Constitution and By-laws for Rebekah Convention, Constitution for Rebekah Lodges, and form of charter for Rebekah Assembly were adopted, the name being changed to the latter. The establishment of an Odd Fellows' Home for Ontario recommended. Badges, in lieu of regalia provided for this session. Lodges, 269; members, 22,178; relief paid, \$75,548.79.



THOMAS WOODYATT, G.M.

Officers 1895-96:

Grand Master—Thos. Woodyatt.
Dep. Grand Master—Henry White.
Grand Warden—J. A. Young.
Grand Secretary—J. B. King.
Grand Treasurer—Wm. Badenach.
Grand Rep.—Rev. T. W. Jolliffe, P.G.M.
Grand Marshal—Alex. Brownlee.
Grand Conductor—Alex. McFarlane.
Grand Guardian—Fred. Gallagher.
Grand Herald—Stephen Springer.
Grand Chaplain—Rev. Jas. McFarlane.

FORTY-SECOND session, Sarnia, 12th August, 13 Grand Officers, 367 rep'ts. New Digest issued by S.G.L. of laws up to 1895. Constitution of Subordinates ordered to be printed and sold by G.L. Copyrighted combination of the links and letters adopted as emblem for use on stationery and as a pin. Official receipt, universal in all jurisdictions, adopted by S.G.L. Lodges, 272; members, 22,669; relief paid, \$82,430.75.



HENRY WHITE, G.M.

Officers 1896-97:

Grand Master Henry White.
Dep. Grand Master—J. A. Young.
Grand Warden J. E. Farewell.
Grand Secretary—J. B. King.
Grand Treasurer Wm. Badenach.
Grand Rep.—W. H. Hoyle, P.G.M.
Grand Marshal R. F. Morrow.
Grand Conductor—Richard Lee.
Grand Guardian—Peter McCallum.
Grand Herald Isaac Unsworth.
Grand Chaplain—Rev. Jas. McFurlane.

FORTY-THIRD session, Belleville, 11th August, 13 Grand Officers, 369 rep'ts. Death of Grand Treasurer Badenach 20th February. W. J. McCormack appointed to office 24th February. Further action taken re establishment of Home. First Directors appointed. Dale v. Weston Lodge, and other important cases in courts decided adversely to Order. System of retaining G.L. solicitor adopted. Lodges, 274; members, 22,742; relief, \$82,618.89.



J. A. YOUNG, G.M.

Officers 1897-98:

Grand Master J. A. Young.
Dep. Grand Master J. E. Farewell.
Grand Warden J. McLurg.
Grand Secretary J. B. King.
Grand Treasurer W. J. McCormack
Grand Rep. Thos. Woodyatt, P.G.M.
Grand Marshal—George Geddes.
Grand Conductor R. H. Perry.
Grand Guardian J. W. Simpson.
Grand Herald R. H. Rowe.
Grand Chaplain—Rev. A. L. Geen.

FORTY-FOURTH session, Galt, 10th August, 13 Grand Officers, 378 rep'ts. Uniform scale of dues and benefits adopted, to apply to new members after 1st January, 1899. Proposals for the establishment of a central guarantee fund rejected. Uniform admission and free fees recommended. Independent All Fellow established in October. Home Board held first annual meeting 11th August. Lodges, 278; members, 23,052; relief paid, \$84,208.49.



J. E. FAREWELL, G.M.

Officers 1898-99:

Grand Master J. E. Farewell.
Dep. Grand Master Jas. McLurg.
Grand Warden O. L. Lewis.
Grand Secretary J. B. King.
Grand Treasurer W. J. McCormack.
Grand Rep. Henry White, P.G.M.
Grand Marshal W. H. Ryall.
Grand Conductor Alf. Coyle.
Grand Guardian J. E. Ryan.
Grand Herald W. A. Pringle.
Grand Chaplain Rev. T. W. Leggott.

1899.

FORTY-FIFTH session, Toronto, 9th August, 13 Grand Officers, 383 reps. Adoption at last meeting of uniform scale of dues and benefits received, and were approved as recommended to Subordinates only. Constitution of Subordinates amended providing for payment of portion of admission fee in case of transfer of membership. Home Board incorporated, 22nd June. Lodges, 281; members, 23,500; relief paid, \$105,035.5.



JAS. MC LURG, G.M.

Officers 1899-00:

Grand Master—Jas. McLurg.
Dep. Grand Master—O. L. Lewis.
Grand Warden—C. C. Lyman.
Grand Secretary—J. B. King.
Grand Treasurer—W. J. McCormack.
Grand Rep.—J. A. Young, P.G.M.
Grand Marshal—A. Macomb.
Grand Conductor—P. Gallagher.
Grand Guardian—W. A. Dennis.
Grand Herald—R. N. Jennings.
Grand Chaplain—Rev. T. W. Legge, Jr.

1900.

FORTY-SIXTH session, Hamilton, 8th August, 13 Grand Officers, 386 reps. D.D.G.M. Jewels adopted last session. S.C.L. contributions lire at Ottawa and Hull 26th April. Lodges contributed \$2,474.95 to relief fund. New Constitution of Subordinates adopted. Payment of benefits for first week of sickness abolished. Mite box to receive contributions to Home fund ordered to be supplied to each Lodge. Lodges 283; members, 24,476; relief, \$87,921.86.



O. L. LEWIS, G.M.

Officers 1900-01:

Grand Master—O. L. Lewis.
Dep. Grand Master—C. C. Lyman.
Grand Warden—R. K. Cowan.
Grand Secretary—J. B. King.
Grand Treasurer—W. J. McCormack.
Grand Rep.—J. E. Farewell, P.G.M.
Grand Marshal—J. R. Oliver.
Grand Conductor—R. R. Brett.
Grand Guardian—Jas. Hewer.
Grand Herald—A. S. Murray.
Grand Chaplain—Rev. E. A. Anderson.

1901.

FORTY SEVENTH session, Guelph, 14th August, 14 Grand Officers, 399 reps. Sympathy of members extended to Royal Family on death of Queen Victoria. Mode of electing Grand Officers changed to modified form of Hare Spence system by vote of P.G.'s in Lodges. Dues made payable quarterly in advance during first month in quarter or specific date to be fixed by by-law. Lodges, 290; members, 25,660; relief, \$85,414.61.



C. C. LYMAN, G.M.

Officers 1901-02:

Grand Master—C. C. Lyman.
Dep. Grand Master—R. K. Cowan.
Grand Warden—J. B. Turner.
Grand Secretary—J. B. King.
Grand Treasurer—W. J. McCormack.
Grand Rep.—Jas. McLurg, P.G.M.
Grand Marshal—W. S. Johnston.
Grand Conductor—E. B. Butterworth.
Grand Guardian—G. E. Pulford.
Grand Herald—W. J. Ransom.
Grand Chaplain—Rev. J. H. Sheppard.

1902.

FORTY-EIGHTH session, Toronto, 13th August, 12 Grand Officers, 400 repa. First election of Grand Officers under new system of voting held this year. Reduction of age limit to 18 years ordered to be prevalent at S.G.I.A. Home fund \$17,500 in cash and subscriptions, with prospective additions likely to swell it to over \$21,000. Committee appointed to see 7 sites. Lodges, 292; members, 28,694; relief paid, \$87,887.98.



R. K. COWAN, G.M.

Officers 1902-03:

Grand Master—R. K. Cowan.
Dep. Grand Master—J. B. Turner.
Grand Warden—E. B. Butterworth.
Grand Secretary—J. B. King.
Grand Treasurer—W. J. McCormack.
Grand Rep.—O. L. Lewis, P.G.M.
Grand Marshal—D. B. Brown.
Grand Conductor—R. R. Brett.
Grand Guardian—R. H. James.
Grand Herald—W. J. Graham.
Grand Chaplain—Rev. C. R. Morrow.

1903.

FORTY-NINTH session, Hamilton, 12th August, 13 Grand Officers, 414 repa. Cipher key to unwritten work issued by S.G.I.A. Site for Home at Oakville purchased 8th May, 52 acres land, with dwelling, outbuildings and some stock, cost \$7,500. P.G.M. Young appointed Superintendent. Copies of Secret Journal placed in custody of Grand Secretary for inspection by Noble Grands and Instructors. Lodges, 296; members, 28,659; relief, \$94,897.00.



J. B. TURNER, G.M.

Officers 1903-04:

Grand Master—J. B. Turner.
Dep. Grand Master—E. B. Butterworth.
Grand Warden—F. R. Blewett.
Grand Secretary—J. B. King.
Grand Treasurer—W. J. McCormack.
Grand Rep.—C. C. Lyman, P.G.M.
Grand Marshal—Harry J. Guppy.
Grand Conductor—Allan Cameron.
Grand Guardian—H. B. Dawson.
Grand Herald—Theo. Parnell.
Grand Chaplain—Rev. W. E. Norton.

1904.

FIIFTIETH session, Toronto, 10th August, 13 Grand Officers, 437 repa. The "Seven Stars Inn," in which Order was founded, destroyed in disaster by fire at Baltimore, 8th Feb. Bus by Digest issued, \$500 set apart by G.I. for missionary purposes. Additional 20 acres and building added to Home property. System of bonding Subordinate Lodge Officers by "blanket policy" adopted. Lodges, 299; members, 30,493; relief, \$107,604.43.



E. B. BUTTERWORTH, G.M.

Officers 1904-05:

Grand Master—E. B. Butterworth.
Dep. Grand Master—F. R. Blewett.
Grand Warden—W. S. Johnston.
Grand Secretary—J. B. King.
Grand Treasurer—W. J. McCormack.
Grand Rep.—R. K. Cowan, P.G.M.
Grand Marshal—W. H. Moss.
Grand Conductor—W. C. Whittaker.
Grand Guardian—H. E. Terry.
Grand Herald—C. E. Nightingale.
Grand Chaplain—Rev. Stuart Acheson.

1903-OUR GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

WHILE only the fringe of the Order's birth and institution, or of its introduction into Canada and its 30 years' progress in Ontario, has been touched upon in the brief historical sketch given herein, its wonderful expansion and prosperity has been shown. To the many able men who have so successfully guided its affairs in the past unbounded credit will always belong. Through their brilliant administrative ability and loyal devotion to duty the Order in this Province can now claim rank as the greatest benevolent institution of the age, and while the memory of those of them who have passed beyond the great divide will long be revered, to those remaining the Grand Lodge and its Subordinates extend all the praise and all the honor that can be bestowed upon them.

Among those entitled to honor and praise none stands higher than our veteran Grand Secretary who with this session completes his 39th consecutive year of service in that office. Sketches of Bro. J. B. King, eulogistic of his character as a man, a citizen and an Odd Fellow, and replete with thankful acknowledgment of his services to the Order, have appeared on numerous occasions and in many prints, but now after careful perusal of the journals of the Order, after reviewing its labors and its progress for the past fifty years, the writer is persuaded that of Bro. King's arduous, painstaking fidelity to duty, and of the part he has taken in the up-building of the Order in this Province, out-

side the records hidden in the vaults of the Grand Lodge the half has never been told. Revered there, spread over his entire term of office, may be found indisputable evidences of faithfulness to the charges laid upon him. Every page of the history of the Order is brightened by the result of his kindly advice, timely suggestion, or persistent advocacy of right principles and improved laws, while as a monitor and guide to those who have

welfare of the individual and of the nation, and now that it has reached its golden anniversary in Ontario, we can review the past with earnest thankfulness to God for the great fraternal and benevolent influence exercised by it, an influence that has raised the thoughts and purposes of men and women to a level where all can unite their energies for the good of mankind—an influence that is hastening the time when universal brotherhood shall bind all nations, tongues and kindreds of the earth.

The Order in Ontario has now 306 Subordinate Lodges with a membership of 31,400, and assets amounting to over \$1,300,000. Relief for first half of 1903, \$47,245.84. Total relief since institution of Grand Lodge, \$1,581,560.27.

The latest statistics show that the Order has 1 Sovereign Grand Lodge, 6 Grand Lodges, 13,872 Subordinate Lodges, with a membership of 1,151,421, and 6,430 Rebekah Lodges, with a female membership of 284,681, a grand total of 1,436,102 at the beginning of last year. Of this total 1,112,809 are credited to North America, and 38,612 to foreign countries. Of the Subordinate Lodge membership 162,906 also belong to the Rebekah branch, and 167,849 to the Encampment branch there being 3,006 Subordinate and 55 Grand Encampments.

From 1830 to the end of 1903 the whole Order paid out \$100,795,034.51, in the relief of 2,920,127 persons, and 268,469 widowed families, and in the burial of 278,390 deceased members.

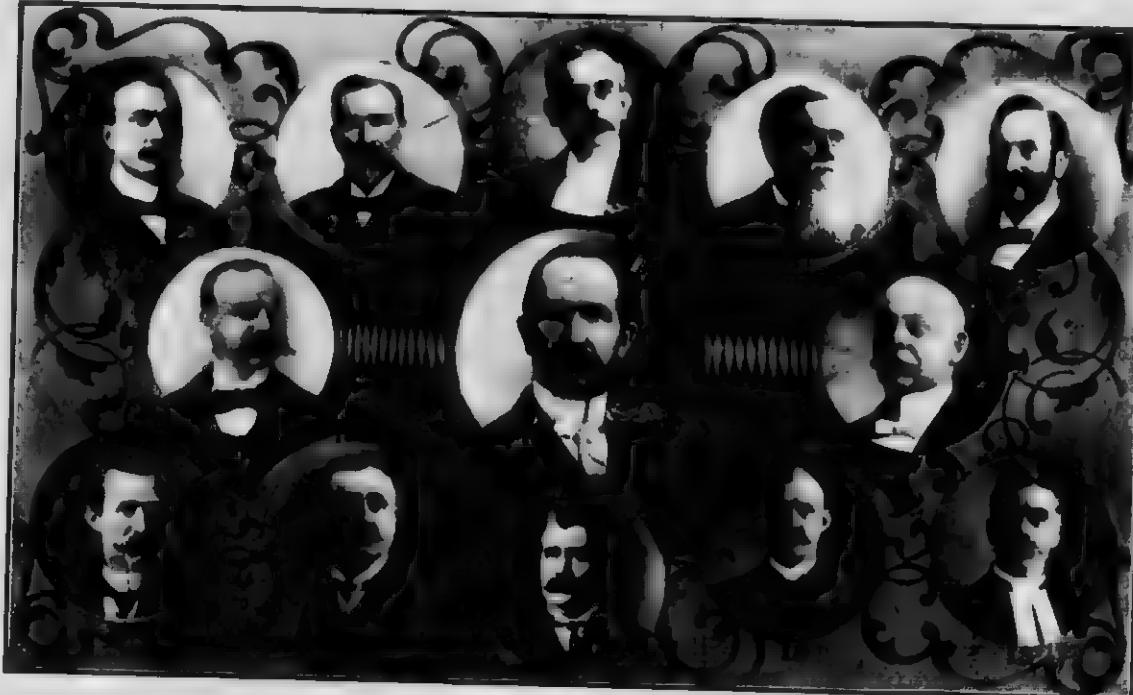


J. B. KING, GRAND SECRETARY.

sought his counsel, his ripened experience and accumulated knowledge have lifted many a Lodge and many a despondent brother up to the plane of prosperity and good cheer.

The Order steadfastly adheres to its primary purpose, the development of character and the fraternization of the human race, and to-day is a powerful factor in everything that pertains to the

Grand Officers, 1904-05



1—E. B. BUTTERWORTH, Grand Master; 2—F. R. BIRKETT, Deputy Grand Master; 3—W. S. JOHNSTON, Grand Warden; 4—J. B. KING, Grand Secretary; 5—W. J. McCORMACK, Grand Treasurer; 6—B. TURNER, Jr. P.G.M.; 7—R. K. COWAN, Grand Representative; 8—C. C. LYMAN, Grand Representative; 9—W. H. MORRIS, Grand Marshal; 10—W. C. WHITTAKER, Grand Conductor; 11—H. E. TERRY, Grand Guardian; 12—C. E. NIGHTINGALE, Grand Herald; 13—REV. STUART ACHENOR, M.A., Grand Chaplain.

The Rebekah Branch

AT the session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge held in 1851, the Rebekah Degree, prepared by the Hon. Schuyler Colfax, was adopted. Previous to that time woman had no active part in Odd Fellowship. The Degree was at first intended as an honorary one for Scarlet Degree members and their wives, and was adopted with a view to increasing the social features of the Order. Since then, however, its sphere of usefulness has been greatly enlarged. The principles of Odd Fellowship are but the innate principles of woman's nature, and it was soon discovered that she was even better qualified to visit the sick, relieve the distressed, and educate the orphan, than man, and that it was more congenial to her nature.

Then the Degree was made an independent branch of the Order, governed by its own Constitution and By-laws, with power to organize its own Lodges. From time to time its limits have been extended, and in every instance woman has faithfully discharged the duties assigned her. In addition to the social aims and objects of this branch, its great work now is, to aid in the establishment and maintenance of Homes for aged and indigent Odd Fellows and their wives, or the widows of deceased Odd Fellows, and Homes for the care, education and support of orphans of deceased Odd Fellows, to visit the sick, relieve the distressed, and in every way assist subordinate Lodges in kindly ministrations to the families of Odd Fellows who are in trouble and want.

Until recently admission into this branch was restricted to those who were in some way related to a member of a Subordinate Lodge. Without this relationship, noble women whose hearts were touched with its aims and objects, were not allowed to enter, but our Sovereign Grand Lodge saw the inconsistency of such a law and repealed it, thus placing woman's right to enter, upon her

which the Rebekahs entered upon the performance of their duties. There are now in this branch of the Order 6,430 Lodges, and a membership of 284,681 sisters and 162,906 brothers.

The first Rebekah Lodge organized in Ontario was Victoria, No. 1, instituted at London on the 3rd of December, 1869. Previous to the organization of the Rebekah Convention (now Assembly) in 1891, 15 other Lodges were instituted, but only 9, with a membership of 876, survived to take part in the formation of an executive head, the institution of which was conducted by Bro. Dr. Campbell, then Deputy Grand Sire, at Stratford on the 12th of August, 1891, Mrs. Bowden, of Windsor, being the first President. Since that time the Rebekah branch in Ontario has made substantial progress, the Lodges now numbering 66 on the roll, and the membership 2,344 sisters and 1,369 brothers. The 15th annual session of the Assembly will be held in Toronto on the 31st of the present month, the expense in going to Brockville being considered too great.

Officers 1904-05:

President Ida G. Moore,
Vice President Maud E. Moore,
Warden Ida J. Robins,
Secretary Alice M. Young,
Treasurer Nellie Dodson,
Marshal Maggie Davison,
Conductor Selina Wood,
Inside Guardian Margory Quinnell,
Outside Guardian Birdie Johnston,
Chaplain Kate MacGregor.



IDA G. MOORE, PRESIDENT.

own character and her own individual merit, and, in doing so, passed upon woman the highest compliment that could be paid her sex. No other fraternal society on earth has as yet so highly complimented woman as woman.

The rapid growth of this branch of the Order in membership and in usefulness is largely due to the impetus given to it by the zeal and enthusiasm with

—Ontario Odd Fellows' Home—

FOR many years after its organization Odd Fellowship found itself unable to carry into effect all its principles, and the establishment of Homes for the education of the Orphan and the care of the aged and infirm, though the grandest of them all, seems to have been the one most sadly neglected. In some States the growth of the Order was more rapid than in others, and as it increased in numbers and developed in power, and especially after the

Sister Waddell, the Secretary, in her report referred to the necessity for a Home and urged upon the Assembly that they show their fidelity to their pledge to protect and educate the orphan.

The Assembly adopted the suggestion, with a request that the Grand Lodge devise some scheme whereby a Home could be instituted. In the journal of the Grand Lodge for 1895, just 40 years after it was instituted, and on the day following the close of the Assembly, we

ment of a Home, the crowning effort of the Order in Ontario, was not lost sight of. The different branches of the Order lent their hearty co-operation to the object in view, and at the end of 1902 the fund in donations by Lodges and individual subscriptions had reached about \$17,000. On the 8th of May, 1903, property at Oakville, consisting of 52 acres of land, with dwelling and out buildings, was purchased, and the Home established the same year. In 1904 an



OLD PEOPLE'S BUILDING.

sympathy and work of woman had been enlisted in its behalf, we find the brotherhood becoming aroused to a sense of this long neglected duty, and one by one Homes began to appear, until now there are 35 Odd Fellows' Homes established and maintained by the Order.

Just when the establishment of a Home in Ontario was first suggested does not appear to be recorded. At the session of the Rebekah Assembly in 1895,

find this action taken by the Grand Lodge:

RESOLVED: That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge it is desirable, at the earliest opportunity, to establish an Odd Fellows' Home for Ontario.

This was adopted and Past Grand Sirs Campbell, A. W. Cameron and J. J. Manning were appointed a committee to report at next session.

From this time forward the establish-



MRS. M. J. DODDS, MATRON.



THE ORPHANAGE.

additional 20 acres, with frame building suitable for an Orphanage, was purchased, the whole costing, including some improvements, over \$14,000. Large sums have also been spent in the purchase of farm implements, live stock, house furnishings, etc. The Old Peoples' building has accommodation for 10 or 12 persons, and the Orphanage for about 40 children. The inmates at the Home now number 10—6 adults and 4 children.

+——The Encampment Branch——+

THE desire so inherent in man to surpass others and reach a higher pinnacle than that attained by the mass of his fellow men has to some extent found vent in the Encampment Branch of Odd Fellowship. In the early days of the Order the Lodge was the only form of organization, but as time passed and the Order developed, the Encampment, Patriarchs Militant, and other Degrees were added. As the plan of this booklet is limited in space it is not our intention to go into the origin or early history of this branch. Be that what it may you cannot attain to a higher summit in Odd Fellowship than that of the Subordinate Lodge until you have become an Encampment member and learned the lessons taught in the Patriarchal, Golden Rule and Royal Purple Degrees.

Mention has previously been made of the introduction of this branch of the Order into Canada soon after that of the Order, and of the institution of Encampments in Quebec and the Lower Provinces under the old regime. In Ontario the first Encampment, Union No. 1, was instituted at St. Catharines on the 26th of April, 1861. This was followed by the institution of Frontier Encampment No. 2, at Windsor, and Harmony Encampment No. 3, at London, in 1866, Brant Encampment No. 4, at Brantford, Charity Encampment No. 5, at Stratford, and Beaver Encampment No. 6, at St. Marys, in

1868, and on the petition of these six Encampments the Grand Encampment of Ontario was instituted at Hamilton on the 6th of August 1869, that indefatigable Odd Fellow, James Woodyatt, P.G. M., being made the first Grand Patriarch. Earnest and faithful Brothers followed Bro. Woodyatt in that high office, many of whom are to-day as active and



ED. C. GARBUTT, G.P.

zealous in the cause as when they graced the chair of G.P., while the Grand Scribe, M. D. Dawson, has held that office since the organization of the Grand Encampment and has been ever faithful in the discharge of his duty.

In the latest published statistics of the Grand Encampment there is shown to be

53 Subordinate Encampments in Ontario, and 1 in Montreal and 1 in Quebec city attached to this Jurisdiction. Membership 3,980; annual revenue, \$9,885.00; annual expenditure for relief, \$3,478.95; invested funds, \$21,976.52.

Under the jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge there are 55 Grand Encampments and 3,006 Subordinate Encampments, with a membership of 167,849.

In the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the institution of the Grand Lodge this branch of the Order joins most heartily, holding its 36th annual session in Brockville, and from the reports of the officers on the progress made during the past year, the figures given above will no doubt be largely increased. Gratifying reports of activity in Encampment Odd Fellowship are constantly being received from all parts of the jurisdiction.

Officers 1904-05:

Grand Patriarch—Ed. C. Garbutt.
 Grand High Priest—G. C. Mortimore.
 Grand Senior Warden—Jos. Powley.
 Grand Scribe—M. D. Dawson.
 Grand Treasurer—Edmund Beltz.
 Grand Rep.—L. B. Cooper, P.G.P.
 Grand Junior Warden—R. N. Jennings.
 Grand Marshal—T. J. Potter.
 Grand Inside Sen.—E. B. Morrey.
 Grand Outside Sen.—A. B. Dykeman.

The Odd Fellows' Relief Association

THE Odd Fellows' Relief Association is a most important auxiliary of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. It is doing a work outside of the Order which is very highly valued by those who are familiar with it. It is growing in favor with the members from year to year, and is gaining in power and in usefulness.

It took its origin in a talk which was had at a funeral in Kingston thirty odd years ago. This talk was as to what could be done to extend relief to the widows, children, and dependents of deceased Odd Fellows outside of the Lodge. A meeting followed at which the initial steps were taken towards the organization of the Association.

At the outset it was most modest in its pretensions. It was local in its membership, its plans and its purposes. Its projectors did not dream of the widening influence which it commanded. In time the lodges outside of the city asked that their members be admitted to the Association and its privileges, and this request was granted. So the good work went on.

The Association for many years maintained an independent existence. It was an auxiliary of the Order, but it did not have the recognition which came to it later. The first to applaud its work was the Grand Lodge of Ontario. Then the other Grand Lodges followed, and

their repeated endorsement is the best evidence as to the efficiency with which it has served the Order.

The Association in 1875 had 364 members. On June 30th, 1905, it had 18,400. In the first year of its existence its revenue was \$953. In the last financial year its revenue was \$234,-

sociation 1,199 deaths have occurred, and the benefits have been paid more promptly than in any similar institution in Canada.

The most active workers of the Order are members of the Association, and they all speak well of its work and benefits.

The Association has been especially favored in the way of management. For thirty years it had the same President, Dr. Fowler, a Past Grand Master of the Order, and one who was called to his reward only two years ago. R. F. Elliott, the President since 1903, has been a director for many years. The other Directors are: T. Donnelly, D. M. McIntyre, J. A. Minnes, W. Mundell, S. Oberndorffer; John Donogh, Toronto; H. White, Port Hope; and J. A. Robb, Valleyfield.

Its Secretary, R. Meek, has held office since 1889, and the Superintendent of Agencies, A. H. Blackaby, since 1890.

The last tribute to the Association was paid by the Finance Committee, which reported at the annual meeting on July 19th, of this year, and said: "No insurance society on the continent can show as careful and economical management, or as good results from the efforts put forth to obtain business. It is safe to estimate that fully 60 per cent. of the new members added to the Order in the Dominion have taken certificates in the Association during the last year."



ROBERT MEEK, SECRETARY.

\$19.52. In the thirty years there have been paid out in death benefits \$1,547,257.66. In 1875 there were no funds on hand. Now there is a surplus, over all liabilities, of \$381,000.

The death rate has been below the normal. Last year it was 5.88 per 1,000. Since the institution of the As-

Past Grand Masters Deceased

1856—THOMAS REYNOLDS.....	Brockville
	Died 11th September, 1859
1859—CHAUNCEY YALE.....	St. Catharines
	Died 15th April, 1888
1861—WILLIAM BISSELL	London
	Died 11th November, 1878
1863—JAMES WOODVATT.....	Brantford
	Died 26th August, 1884
1864—JAMES SMITH.....	London
	Died 28th November, 1880
1866—RICHARD WIGMORE	London
	Died 1st March, 1886
1867—HENRY MCAFEE	Windsor
	Died 23rd October, 1882
1868—JOHN BARR.....	Hamilton
	Died 25th January, 1883
1873—GEORGE WRIGHT	Toronto
	Died 10th March, 1888
1874—WM. FITZSIMMONS.....	Brockville
	Died 13th July, 1891
1875—H. E. BUTTERY	London
	Died 29th November, 1876
1876—JOHN HAM PERRY	Whitby
	Died 25th March, 1898
1879—FIFE FOWLER	Kingston
	Died 3rd August, 1903
1884—A. L. MORDEN	Napanee
	Died 21st July, 1885
1890 JOHN ORMISTON.....	Gananoque
	Died 25th January, 1903

Grand Encampment Sessions

ON Tuesday, August 8th, at 9 o'clock a.m., the Grand Encampment will meet for the transaction of business, Grand Chief Patriarch E. C. Garbutt, of Picton, presiding.

Meetings will be held in Oddfellows Hall, Ross Block, corner King and Apple Streets.

Grand Lodge Sessions

ON Tuesday, August 8th, the Committees appointed by Grand Lodge, will meet in Victoria Hall, where ample accommodation will be provided for the transaction of business.

On Wednesday, August 9th, the Grand Lodge will open its Annual Session at 9 o'clock a.m., Grand Master Butterworth, of Ottawa, presiding. Sessions will also be held on the morning and afternoon of Thursday.

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